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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7236

BILL NUMBER: HB 2096

DATE PREPARED: Feb 8, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 2001

SUBJECT: Licensing of Occupational Therapists.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X

**GENERAL
DEDICATED
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill adds licensed psychologists to the definitions of "health care professional" under the home health agency statutes. The bill requires occupational therapists to be licensed. It excludes other health care professionals and occupational therapy students from the licensure requirements. The bill also amends the definition of "occupational therapy". It allows an occupational therapist to perform certain therapies and services. The bill provides occupational therapists are certified on June 30, 2001 are considered licensed on July 1, 2001.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Health Professions Bureau reports that as of January 19, 2001, 2,008 occupational therapists and 581 occupational therapy assistants would be affected by the bill. As amended, the Bureau would not have to issue replacement pocket cards or wall licenses to occupational therapists certified on June 30, 2001 when converted to licensure on July 1, 2001. The estimated expenditures to implement the requirements of the bill, as amended, are listed in the following table:

Expense	Amount
Per Diem	\$750
Travel	\$1,914
Postage	\$5,259
Printing/Copying	\$5,188
Telephone	\$3,200
Supplies	\$1,000
Total	\$17,311

Explanation of State Revenues: Revenues collected from fees may be affected by an insignificant amount with the transfer of certification to licensure regarding occupational therapists. In FY 2000, the Health Professions Bureau collected \$12,941 in fees relating to occupational therapy. All fees collected concerning occupational therapy are distributed to the General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau; Occupational Therapy Committee; Medical Licensing Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Barb McNutt, Staff Counsel, Health Professions Bureau, (317) 233-4406; Office of the Auditor of State.